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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF

17TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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File No: (24-8) - 9

26 January 1950

SUBJECT:

Fireball Sighted by

and at

1935 hours MST, 4 December 1949 SPECIAL INQUIRY - Unconventional Aircraft

TO:

Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-5

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- 1. Reference is made to previous Reports of Investigation from this district concerning the sighting of unidentified aerial objects.
- 2. Attached is one copy of a Report of Investigation by Special Agent Melvin E. Neef of this office, dated 17 January 1950, subject as above.
- 3. Copies of all future reports of sightings of this nature will be forwarded to your headquarters.

1 Incl: Rpt of Inv, 17 Jan 50 DOYLE REES Lt Col, USAF District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION	FILE NO. (24-8) - 9 REPORT MADE BY S/A MELVIN E. NEEF	
Fireball Sighted by MS, at 1935 hours MST, 4 December 1949	REPORT MADE AT 17th DO, Kirtland Air Force Base PERIOD 5 December 1949 - 17 January 1950 OFFICE OF ORIGIN 17th DO, Kirtland Air Force Base STATUS	
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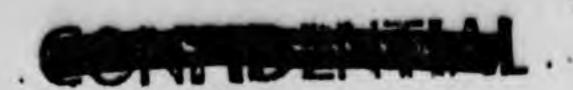
REFERENCE

AFCSI Letter No. 85, Hq OSI File No. 24-185

SYNOPSIS

This investigation predicated upon information received from Mr. J , Salesman, New York Life Insurance Company, Land Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mexico. advised that at 1935 hours MST, on 4 December 1949, he had observed a green Fireball in the northeastern sky.

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- 1. Effect on clouds: No visible clouds.
- None. (Sparks were emanating from object and were m. Lights: more pronounced in the lower rear edge of object. These sparks were orange to white in appearance. Intensity of the center part of the object remained the same, however, the intensity of the sparks along the edges varied.
- Support: None observed.
- Propulsion: Unable to determine.
- Control and stability. Not applicable.
- Air ducts: None.
- Sound: None
- Manner of disappearance: Disappeared behind building.
- Notes relative to observer:
 - Civilian Employee, Name: Holloman AFB.
 - Address: le Mexico
 - (3) Occupation: Geodetic Engineer (well versed in astronomy).
 - Place of business: Holloman Air Force Base.
 - Pertinent hobbies: Study of astronomy
 - Ability to determine: Above average
 - Reliability of observer: Observer extremely reliable and has aided this office on numerous occasions
 - in obtaining readings on other observations. (8) Former sightings: has observed no sightings prior to this and was not suffering from fatigue
 - at the time of this sighting. (9) Witnesses: None
- 3. Check of the Electronics and Atmosphere Research Branch, Holloman AFB, revealed that they had no radar in operation at the time of this sighting. Further check with the Base Weather Station revealed that there were no unusual weather conditions at the time of the sighting. Check with the Operations and Projects Division, Holloman Air Force Base, and the Research Section of White Sands Proving Ground revealed that no testing devices had been sent aloft in this vicinity at the time of the sighting. UNCLASSIFIED